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## Olympic torch could bring warmth to over-taxed residents

Since homeowners will be hit with another vote increasing taxes to feed the incinerator, perhaps Westland residents should line up to feel the warmth of the Olympic torch as it travels through the city. Especially since we won't be able to afford our heating bills.

## Police officer's presence makes caller's neighborhood safer

I've read the recent concerns with regards to Westland Police officers who travel to their homes during their shifts.

I also live near a police officer who often travels occasionally to his home, yet this does not trouble me. Since the officer moved in nearly five years ago, I have felt safer with a police car cruising the street more often.

Several times I have had my home vandalized and even broken into. This has not happened since he moved to my neighborhood, in fact prior to that time I never saw a patrol car in my neighborhood unless a crime was already committed. It's not like he is traveling outside of the city limits to do so.

We live in a society that tends to worry too much about what others are doing. People should start worrying about their own actions more.

## Spotty financial reporting linked to mayor's hiring policy

Westland mayor fires the competent controller in the city's finance department (while keeping his absentee wife on the payroll) and then cuts the position out of the budget.

The city council approves the budget with the controller position taken out, but wonders why they can't get a financial report.

Duh — does this make sense?

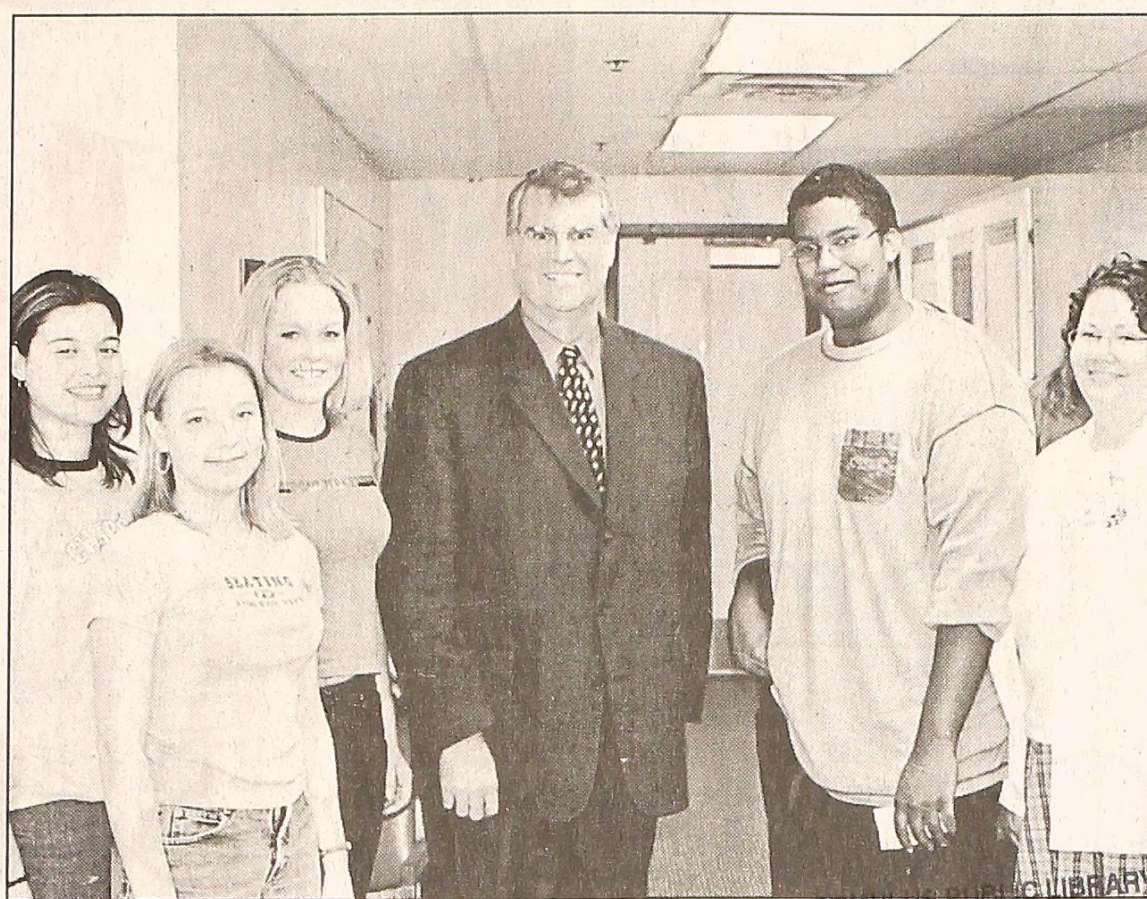
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## Senator visits teen health center

State Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton) visited the Romulus Teen Health Center last week in the wake of news that the center might close down due to lack of funding (it was later reported that emergency funding will keep the facility open until February). Student and staff members gave Sen. Bennett an orientation to the 1,800 sq. ft. facility. Pictured with Bennett from left to right are Amanda Davis, Stacey Gilbert, Kara Coughlin, Carl Swanigan and nurse, Sherry Nelson.

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## Golf Course gets home approval

By STEFANIE CARANO  
MCN Special Writer

Last Monday's city council meeting gave the final approval for Chippewa Homes/ Gateway Condominium Company to build two new subdivisions in Romulus. One will consist of 101 single-family homes, the other approximately 30 condominiums both on an existing plat of land called 'The Fairways at Gateway' which contains an 18-hole golf course.

City council had previously approved the tentative preliminary plat for the subdivisions after the Planning Commission had re-

viewed the plans to make sure they complied with the standards of the subdivision ordinance. At the recent meeting, the council examined the changes given to the final preliminary plat and had no objections to the plans.

Councilwoman Debbie Romak, however, was cautious about giving final approval to Gateway.

Romak was concerned over what the construction would do to the already poor conditions of Merriman Road, where one of the entrances to the complex would be. She also had concerns over the aesthetics of a construc-

tion site in such a visible area.

"Immediate attention is needed to Merriman Road," said Romak.

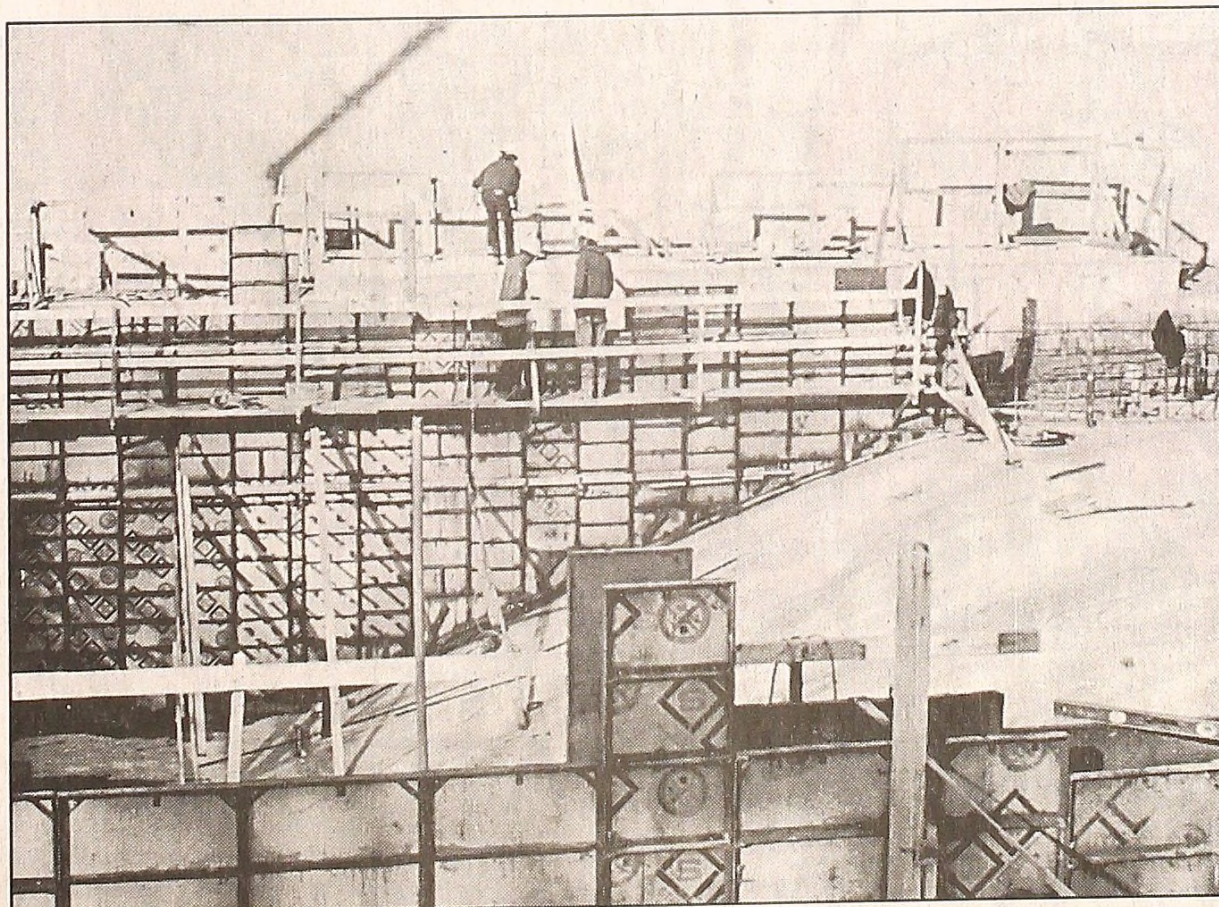
Councilman William Wadsworth shared her concern.

"Fix Merriman Road, it looks bad," said Wadsworth.

Frank Kato of Gateway assured the council that they would take care of the road after finishing construction.

"We'll clean it up as soon as possible," said Kato. The council approved the final plans on the condition that Gateway improves the area on Merriman Road where they will be working.

## Swimming pool takes shape



The new high school swimming pool begins to form as construction workers are shown working on the competitive pool's walls. The facility, which is actually two pools, was part of the 1999 bond package, and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2002.

## Lewkowicz asks council to shut down trucking

By STEFANIE CARANO  
MCN Special Writer

Romulus resident Steven Lewkowicz wants his neighbor, a 24-hour trucking service and impounds lot called J.T. Crova, to stop using the road that runs by his residence. He believes that the city council is not enforcing ordinance laws that prohibit commercial vehicles (mainly truck travel) on Class 'B' or residential streets and he wants the business shut down.

He has stated that the weight of the trucks on such a road has caused damage to his home. "Grant Road right by our house has overweight trucks, semi-trucks and we get vibration, you can feel it right through the floor. As a matter of fact, it has damaged the foundation of our home," said Lewkowicz. He also claims that the weight of these trucks has done considerable damage to the roads and railways around their house.

Lewkowicz says that while researching the trucking company, which is not licensed to operate, he believed it to be owned by Councilman Bill Crova. "It is my opinion that the reason it took so for the ordinance department to enforce these issues is perhaps that you yourself have been illegally operating trucks on Grant Road," said Lewkowicz addressing Councilman Crova at a recent city meeting.

"A lot of people have been complaining to me at the beginning of the petitioning against the other company, (about) a company called J.T. Crova that operates out of a lot of property that's owned by Mr. Crova."

Councilman Crova responded that he has sold his trucking company at the Grant Road location to J.T. Trucking and owns only the property the company is on. "The J.T. Crova that the petitioner is referring to is a company that I have no involvement with other than that I used to be in the towing business...I do rent a portion of my property to that individual. I think if the petitioner has any questions for J.T. Crova, which is a company I have no interest in, I suggest he direct them to that individual."

Lewkowicz emphasized that as a city official, Crova should know the ordinances and that he is renting to an unlicensed company. There was never an issue of licensing for his old company or for the present J.T. Crova.

"I am not the owner of that com-

## — Update —

On December 10, the Romulus City Council announced an update regarding J.T. Crova Trucking and the lack of an operating license.

Since the meeting on December 3 when Steven Lewkowicz brought it to the attention of the board, the council issued a notice to J.T. Crova stating that the company needed to be licensed. J.T. Crova has since filed for a license that was approved by the council, allowing it to continue operations at the Grant Road location.

Lewkowicz was present during the decision on December 10 and accused the council of not following ordinances, wanting the company to be shut down until they stop using residential streets. The council would not agree with the accusations and told Lewkowicz to speak to Mayor Alan Lambert to reach a compromise.

pany and I suggest the petitioner talk to the owner of that company," said Crova in response.

"The facility that he is actually making reference to was put together, or built in the mid-60's and continues to be a storage lot for police and impounded cars. If for some reason there is an oversight on a license I'm sure they'd be happy to comply," said Crova of J.T. Crova Trucking. At the time the facility was built, Romulus was still a township and the company did not need to be licensed.

According to City Clerk Linda Choate, "It was not even required that they need to go to the planning commission in township days."

Lewkowicz stated that he had forwarded a letter to Clerk Choate, the building department and Mayor Lambert before he addressed the council and received no response. He had tried to contact the owner of J.T. Crova. "He laughed in my face," said Lewkowicz.

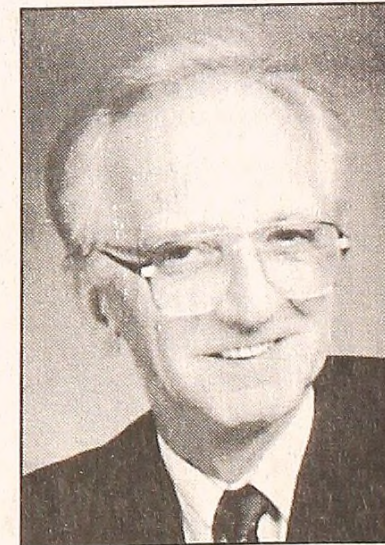
To emphasize his point, he passed out photos to the city council he had taken of trucks from J.T. Crova using Class 'B' roads. City council ultimately decided they would look at the business and maybe give the owner 60 days to comply if it is discovered that the company is not properly licensed. However, they could not shut it down or terminate operations on the Grant Road property.

## Berlinn selected to fill seat

The Romulus Board of Education has selected Kenneth Berlinn to fill a Board vacancy. Berlinn will be serving the remaining six months of the term formerly occupied by new Romulus Mayor and former Board President Alan Lambert.

Berlinn previously served nineteen years as a Romulus board member and is currently a board member of the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency (WCRESA).

Berlinn said he looks forward to working with the current board and sees many exciting opportunities ahead.



Kenneth Berlinn

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WAYNE



Fighting the flu bug

The flu bug will have a tough time invading Wayne seniors this winter. Despite the generally long delay in having the flu shots available this year, Wayne senior citizens were fortunate in that they got their shots. Offered through Oakwood Community Health, with the assistance from the Wayne Fire Department, over 400 immunizations for flu and/or pneumonia were recently given at the Wayne Senior Activity Center. "Our flu shot program is usually earlier," said Nancy Wojewski-Noel, Senior Services Director, "but we were most fortunate to get the shots as early as we did. This is a very successful program, and our seniors depend on this service."

Rotary donates defibrillator to Wayne Library

The City of Wayne received an early Christmas gift, and helping Santa deliver a life-saving apparatus was none other than the Wayne Rotary.

The gift, in the form of an apparatus, is an Automatic External Defibrillator, which carries a price tag of about \$3,800.

"When every second counts we need the help of current technology," Fire Chief Rob Dahlman told mayor and council Tuesday night. "Seeing this need, our department was approached by the Wayne Rotary Club regarding the A.E.D. and its life-saving abilities. The fire department conducted a presentation for the Wayne Rotary about the benefits and uses of an A.E.D, as a life-saving tool."

Chief Dahlman pointed out that in March of 2001, the Rotary Club made a generous gift and presented the city with an Automatic External Defibrillator which was placed at the Wayne

Community Center.

"With the continued support of the Wayne Rotary Club, I am pleased to announce that they wish to donate another Automatic External Defibrillator. This unit will be placed at the Wayne Public Library."

Dahlman added that the new unit will also be a Lifepack 500 AED and has features that include simple controls, good voice directions, long-life battery systems, lightweight, and compatible with interchangeable electrodes with the fire department's present defibrillator.

The Rotary Foundation voted to purchase the Lifepack 500 AED, carrying case, lithium battery pack and wall cabinet for \$3,828 and donate the unit to the City of Wayne.

"The fire department and Wayne Public Library sincerely appreciate the generous contribution of this life-saving device," the fire chief stressed.

Council reviews new fire station costs  
New costs estimated at \$5.9 million

The soft-economy and a reduction in State Revenue Sharing have apparently taken a toll on the city's revenues.

Tuesday night, Thomas Norwood, the city's finance director, informed Mayor Al Haidous and members of city council that estimated costs for the newly-proposed fire station have

been revised to reflect the weak economy.

"We have been advised by our architects that the preliminary costs estimates for the new City of Wayne Fire Station are \$5,200,000. However, our previous cost estimate, prepared over one year ago, was \$5,000,000, and was incorporated into the

Skate program offered

Wayne Parks and Recreation officials today announced that they are accepting registrations for their "Learn To Skate" program. The program will begin

Feb. 2, 2002. Registration starts on Jan. 7, and the deadline to sign up is Feb. 1. Call 721-7400 for complete registration information.

original Notice of Intent approved by the city council in December of 2000.

"In addition, the administration, our financial advisors, and bond counsel are all aware that since the bond sale of \$1,500,000 for the interim fire station was completed in March of last year, recent state revenue sharing reductions due to the weak economy are causing shortfalls. This revenue was intended to pay for a portion of the cost to finance the interim Fire Station/DPW facility."

In light of the recent econom-

ic events, Norwood said that the finance department is proposing to recoup the full cost of the interim fire station/DPW facility by revising the \$5.2 million Building Authority Bond issue to an amount not to exceed \$5,935,000.

Norwood recommended that the mayor and city council adopt a resolution of intent and that they authorize the City Clerk's Office to publish the intent of the amended contract in the local newspaper (The Wayne Eagle) upon their adoption of the resolution.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC  
REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

December 20, 2001  
City of Wayne  
3355 S. Wayne Rd.  
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(734) 722-2000

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS

Wayne Housing Commission  
4001 S. Wayne Rd.  
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(734) 721-8602

On or about January 11, 2002 the City of Wayne on behalf of the Wayne Housing Commission will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release FY 2001 monies available under the Capital Fund Program (CFP) for the following project.

2001 Capital Fund Program  
\$115,150 HUD CFP FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THIS WORK

It is the intent of the Wayne Housing Commission to utilize these funds in an effort to update and improve our developments, which consist of 40 scattered family units and 36 elderly units. The scope of the work includes: Resurfacing the parking areas at the three one bedroom family sites on Wayne Road and the three elderly sites on Glenwood, paint the wood trim on the family units and the elderly units and stain the cedar shank on the elderly units.

It has been determined that such request for release of funds for the Wayne Housing Commission will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of human Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 USC 4321).

The reasons for this decision not to prepare an EIS are because the Project Activities address existing problems and needs without creating adverse impacts on the environment.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the above stated project has been prepared by the Wayne Housing Commission. The ERR documents the environmental review of the project and more fully details the reasons why an EIS is not required. The ERR's are available for public examination and copying between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the office of

Wayne Housing Commission  
4001 S. Wayne Rd.  
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No further environmental review of the Project Activities is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

All interested agencies, groups, or persons disagreeing with the decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Wayne to the address stated above. Such written comments should be received no later than January 7, 2002. All such comments will be considered and the City of Wayne will not request release of federal funds or take any administrative action in the Project Activities prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

The Wayne Housing Commission will undertake this project with federal monies, available through the Capital Fund Program. The City of Wayne is certifying to HUD that John Zech, in his official capacity as City Manager of the City of Wayne consents to accept the jurisdiction of Federal Courts if an action brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environment reviews, decision making, and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval Wayne Housing Commission may use Capital Fund Program funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection of its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (A) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD, or (B) that an applicant ERR for projects indicates an omission of a required decision, finding, or step application to the project in the Environment Review Process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure in 24CFR Part 58, and may be addressed to HUD at the Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, 477 West Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226. HUD will not consider objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above. HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Wayne Housing Commission certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

John Zech, City Manager  
City of Wayne

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Fees during annual licensing period ending February 28, 2002	
Regular license	\$ 10.00*
License for spayed or neutered dogs	\$ 5.00*
Replacement or transfer license	\$ 1.00

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Regular license	\$ 12.00
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Replacement or transfer license	\$ 1.00

\*Dogs under six months of age or owned for less than 10 days qualify for these rates at any time of the year.

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CITY OF WAYNE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Wayne Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the City Council Chambers, 3355 South Wayne Road at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2002, to consider how the City should use its 2002 Community Development Block Grant funds.

Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council for their consideration. You are invited to attend and participate.

Peter J. McNerney  
Community Development Director

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Congratulations On Your  
50th  
Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie KuyKendall, Sr. celebrated their 50th Anniversary November 17, 2001, given by their children Jan and Lonnie Jr.

Lonnie and Sarah were joined in their celebration with her mother, Mrs. Jewel Webb, brother, Willie Johnson and wife Jean of Muskegon Hts., MI. Among their midst were sisters and sister-in-laws, Dorothy Frost, Dearborn Hts., MI and Ida Kimbrough

of Detroit and a crowd of other family members and friends.

The honorees were presented a limousine ride to the gala affair which was held at Roma Banquet Hall in Garden City, MI. They were also given a champagne toast with toastmaster, Willie Johnson.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of two dozen yellow roses and a gold pen presented to the honorees by their granddaughter TiLur and grandson Chanti who was unable to attend because of school, his mother Terrace stood in for him.

The honorees were escorted by their children Jan KuyKendall of Cottage Grove, MN, and Lonnie KuyKendall, Jr. of Inkster, MI.

The honorees were attired in white with gold accessories. Sarah wore a two piece white floor length dress with matching jacket and Lonnie wore a white suit. This affair will long be remembered by Lonnie and Sarah.

The music was presented by Greg Lewis of Inkster, MI.



## Truth be told, not by local politicians

Jolly ole St. Nick stopped by the newspaper offices the other day, and picked up a bag of presents for our political friends. Just in case he can't get them delivered on time I thought I'd give our readers a rundown.

To Ricardo Solomon, Wayne County Board of Commissioners Chairman, a datebook to keep track of your appointments. Mr. Solomon had called our office a couple of weeks ago to arrange an appointment to meet with Wayne and Inkster Editor Tom Mooradian and myself.

We were eager to meet with the Detroit politician who is often mentioned as a candidate for outgoing County Executive Ed McNamara's job. So despite it being the busiest week of the year for weekly newspapers we agreed to a meeting.

Solomon, unfortunately was a no show. Apparently someone failed to remind him of the appointment. Maybe the appointment book we provide will keep him out of hot water with the Western Wayne press.

To Ed McNamara, a biographical sketch that can be issued to FAA personnel, nationwide. When FAA Administrator Jane Garvey came to Romulus last week, to dedicate Metro Airport's new runway, she introduced our longtime county executive as Ed McMahon.

Last I knew, Ed McMahon had retired several years ago as Johnny Carson's sidekick and could now be found on television hawking stars of the future and "get rich quick" schemes.

By the way, Ms. Garvey, your gaffe is compounded by the fact, that the new terminal that is soon to be dedicated and looms gigantically over the new runway is named "The Ed McNamara Midfield Terminal."

To Alan Lambert, newly elected mayor of Romulus, a tape recorder so that you can remember what you told the press while campaigning. Let me remind you our support was thrown your way because you were extremely adamant that you did not need an assistant to run Romulus.

That promise was pleasing to our ears, because we could never understand why Mayor Oakley needed to pay David Cox good money to assist him in running small town Romulus.

So what does Lambert do? Immediately after his election, he appoints cop buddy, Tom Ellis, to handle his affairs. I hope this is only a transitional appointment Mayor Lambert. Anything

longer that a few months, will make us view your comments with suspicion.

To Sandy Cicirelli, new mayor of Westland, ditto with the tape recorder. It seems like you told us, if elected, we could look forward to a new personnel director at City Hall.

Not so, it appears. Cicirelli announced the appointment of Keith Madden, famous for sending cryptic e-mails to recall proponents last year. The major problem for Madden as we see it, is that with his position he oversees the city's new "ethics" ordinance. To us Westland's ethics are unethical out of the gate with Madden in charge.

To State Representative Bruce Patterson, an assistant who can provide your constituents with more straight talk, and less confusion. Patterson continues to be embroiled in controversy because his constituents misconstrue his actions.

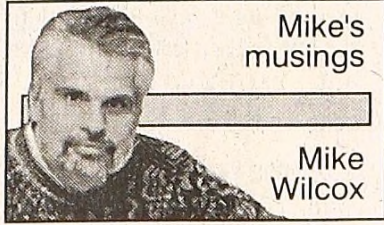
A few months ago the airport parking tax was the subject of much consternation. Patterson proposed more money for Romulus but somehow the Mayor, the council and State Representative Ray Basham didn't see it that way.

Then while hunting in November, the rumor got around that Rep. Patterson was sponsoring legislation that would send citizens of Belleville and Van Buren Township to the district court in Plymouth, instead of Romulus.

Rep. Patterson, despite Belleville Mayor Tom Fielder and District Court Judge Tina Brooks-Green professing the contrary, said that legislation did not come from his office and he would do everything to quash it. As we said at the top, a healthy dose of better communication needs to be prescribed to Messrs. Patterson.

Quickly, I've got to wrap this up. Santa is pounding at my door. Hurry, hurry, he says. I'm on my way to the airport where they've promised more than Metro Cars can bid on limousine service there. Can that be true, Mike, or is this just another political promise?

What do you think, Santa?



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox

## West teacher praises 'diversity'

To the editor:

When I bought my first African American periodicals for West Library 1967, I was asked why we needed "those [N-word] magazines in here."

By the time I retired in 1999, everyone knew why we had materials on gays, lesbians, native peoples, women's issues, blacks, Latinos, Muslims, Catholics, Jews, and every other religious and ethnic group.

School leadership and staff participated in selecting yearly themes, such as "Respect Diversity." Assemblies, speakers, projects, daily announcements, messages from the library, and showcase displays kept the themes in front of everyone at all times.

My book displays, memos in announcements, bulletin boards, and showcases were always in keeping with our themes which celebrated the diversity of our population, inspired mutual respect, encouraged all of us to be positive, and to see the value in those around us.

When I was ready to retire, I left many of my ongoing projects in the hands of others. Mr. Chiumento was asked to do the gay pride-gay history showcases. He did.

The showcases at West and the bulletin boards at the high school promote education, respect for others, and sharing of information. That is what we must do in schools. We must move away from the old biases and prejudices.

We cannot go back to the days of a Bull Connor, Wounded Knee, or Stonewall in this country. We must come together as a people who, on September 11th, experienced the fatal hatred and bigotry which was directed at us from outside our boundaries.

I applaud the arbitration resolution in favor of Mr. Chiumento and Mr. Salbenblatt. Academic freedom, respect for diversity, and tolerance will improve life within each school and ultimately the entire community.

Judith Pavitt  
West Middle School 1967-1999

## Smile, you're on 'Candid Camera'

Despite the recession, racial diversity divining and training are growth industries, fueled by a floating definition of racism.

Nowadays, a racial slur, like sexual harassment, is in the eye of the beholder. Anything can be racist, sexist, or racist and sexists as long as a victim says so.

Once upon a time, racism was a term applied to notions of racial inferiority and segregation. Racism was the legal or societal separation of races. One race rode in front of the bus, the other in back. One race was called sir, the other boy. One gave orders, the other followed.

Racists believed in racial superiority.

The myth of racial superiority was dispelled in the 1960s by Martin Luther King, Jr.'s civil rights marches, the first social movement to be televised.

King, of course, was motivated by a great moral vision and a desire for a new civil rights law, not by hopes of creating a civil rights money machine.

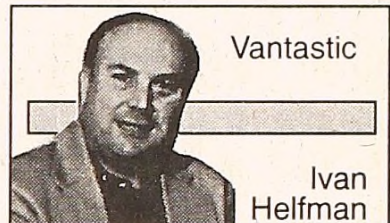
Taking advantage of nightly television news shows, recently expanded to a half hour, the articulate minister's nonviolent black marchers (and their white supporters) compared favorably with the howling white mobs led by sheriffs who assaulted the dignified marchers with racial slurs, fire hoses, and police dogs. Contrasted with the white mob, the black marchers appeared so superior that the new TV nation quickly discarded any notions of black inferiority.

With TV bringing home the injustice of racist sheriffs viciously attacking rather than aggressively defending the black marchers, it wasn't long before the Civil Rights Act advocated by King became law in 1964, making segregation a federal crime.

US marshalls, prosecutors, and judges so thoroughly enforced the law that legal segregation seems almost as distant as legal slavery.

While the law was overdue, the timing could not have worse. The problem, as historian Elisabeth Lasch-Quinn argues in a new book, *RACE EXPERTS: How Racial Etiquette, Sensitivity Training, and New Age Therapy Hijacked the Civil Rights Revolution*.

According to Lasch-Quinn, the



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civil rights revolution matured at the same time as touchy-feely psychology caught on.

Once confined to the hot tubs of northern California, sensitivity-training groups became the rage.

When the Civil Rights Act failed to create equality, civil rights leaders borrowed from the hot tub crowd and blamed the continuing racial disparities on psychological problems.

Blacks supposedly fell short because of inferiority complexes and lack of self-esteem. While whites exasperated the situation by failing to come to terms with their delusions, of racial superiority, which supposedly caused subtle racist attitudes and biased behavior.

Into the divide came the racial diversity experts. For a profit, these gurus fanned the flames of alleged black victims' resentments while teaching alleged white offenders how to cure their tainted souls.

Worse, the experts snagged local governments into the con. Most recently, Canton Township was pressured by a group of local civil rights activists into beginning diversity training for psychological reasons, such as combatting the "frustration of being a minority" and white's inability to understand racial profiling.

Since then, reality has reared its head. On Dec. 6 one of the activists filed a racial profiling complaint against the Canton patrolman who ticketed him for speeding twice the limit in a school zone.

Confronted by the police car's tape of the traffic stop, the activist withdrew his allegation, as have all people who have filed racial profiling complaints against Canton patrolmen.

It appears that patrol car cameras and microphones at traffic stops will expose the myth of racial profiling by police officers. Policing in Canton is a profession, not a psychological test.

Perhaps, the videotaped truth will set us free.

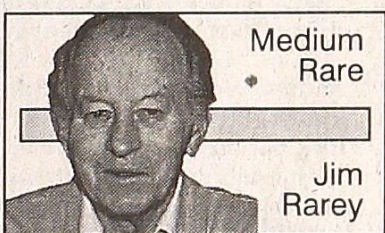
## What does Christmas mean to you?

The answer most people will give is that Christmas is the birthday of Jesus. But ask the next question, "Is it really, and why should we celebrate it?" and most will give you blank stares.

Of course, most historians (even Bible historians) tell us we really don't know the exact date of Jesus' birth. December 25th was arbitrarily picked as a day to commemorate that historic event. If we need a day to celebrate his birth, I guess that day is as good as any.

But what about the second part? Should we celebrate Jesus' birthday? Where did the idea of Christmas originate?

It's not in the Bible. Nowhere in the holy book are we commanded to observe Jesus' birthday. Nor is it even suggested. For that matter, neither is Easter. Some historians suggest both days were established by the "church" to try to give some Christian meaning to pagan ceremonies



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

and rites long observed before the first advent of Christ.

Since then it has been "tradition" that has sustained the observance of Christmas and Easter.

But what has Christmas become to many Americans who call themselves Christians? It's one gigantic shopping spree for gifts and giving said to embody the "spirit of Christmas." And Easter is symbolized by a "bunny" the pagan symbol of fertility.

It seems a majority of people who call themselves Christian have bought into the false doctrine of the social gospel. That is, that one's personal salvation is earned by "good deeds" per-

formed if they outweigh one's sins.

That's not what the Apostle Paul told the early Christians. Paul said salvation is a gift of grace through faith, not works, lest any man should boast. He also said that faith without works is dead. Is this a contradiction? No. What Paul meant was that if one believes that Christ (who was without sin) died to pay for our sins, then good works will follow as an effort to please Christ, not to earn salvation.

That may sound like a distinction without a difference. It is not. We will be judged by our motives as well as our actions.

So in these trying times of war and fear, let us celebrate, not just the birth, but the life, death and resurrection of the Prince of Peace. And pray to God that he will soon come again to establish that kingdom of peace promised. And do it daily, not just once or twice a year.

## SOUND OFF EXTRA

### Wish Councilman LeBlanc well and ask him to run again

Westland citizens should go to the last council meeting of this year, at 7 p.m., Dec. 17, and say a word or two about one of the best elected people Westland ever had: Councilman Richard LeBlanc, [they did].

Wish him well and ask him to run again. He would have made a great mayor. We desperately need his level head in the future. Thank him for all his hard work.

### Jim Rarey gave wrong number for proposed fine law

I called Lansing about Jim Rarey's column about additional

assessments to traffic fines. I find that his bill number was incorrect. It applied to meat, not to these new traffic assessments.

I want to see if that was a misprint or if he has the right number.

### Residents like seeing police patrolling neighborhoods

I want to sound off about a Romulus police officer who spends a lot of time in the evening hanging out behind the counter at Romulus Liquor on Eureka Road. I believe it is the same officer who I've seen hanging out behind the counter at the Marathon Gas Station, formerly the Citgo gas station, on Eureka Road.

I wish this police officer would

hop into his car and drive through the subdivision behind Romulus Liquor or the subdivision south of Eureka Road and east of Middlebelt Road.

I believe that Romulus residents would rather see their police officers patrolling their neighborhoods than hanging out at local businesses.

### Fox Center sends best wishes to Lisa Chamberlain

The staff at Fox Center would like to send our best wishes to Lisa Chamberlain in her new position as a police officer for the city of Wayne. We will miss her visits, though infrequent. Our loss is their gain. Best wishes to all.

### Whispering Romulus councilwoman exasperates caller

We want the new Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert and the new city council members to please move Councilwoman Debbie Romak away from Randolph Geare. She's always whispering to him and we're tired of it.

### Will Cicirelli seek compensation for giving up her car perk?

Will someone look into the question regarding the new mayor, Ms. Cicirelli and her decision to not take a car.

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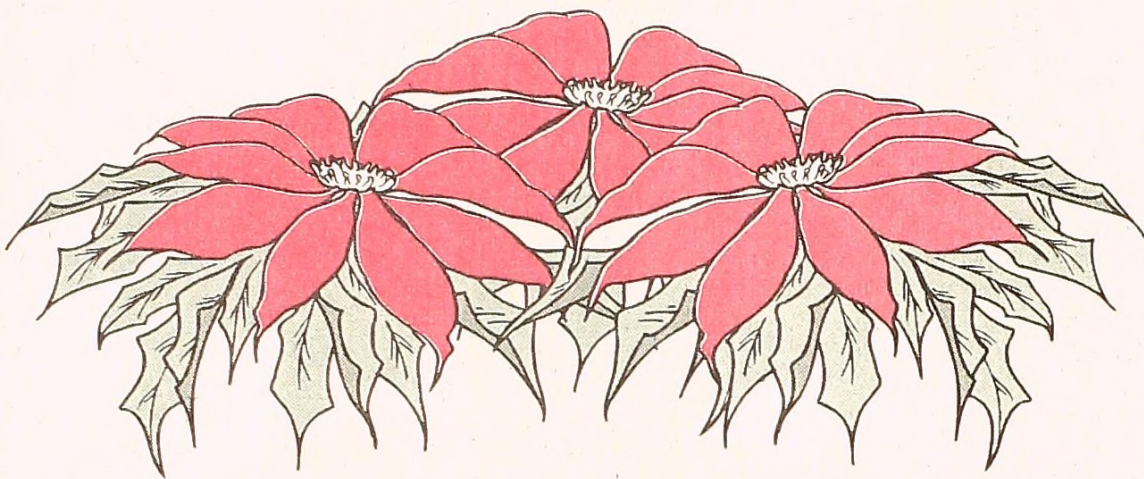
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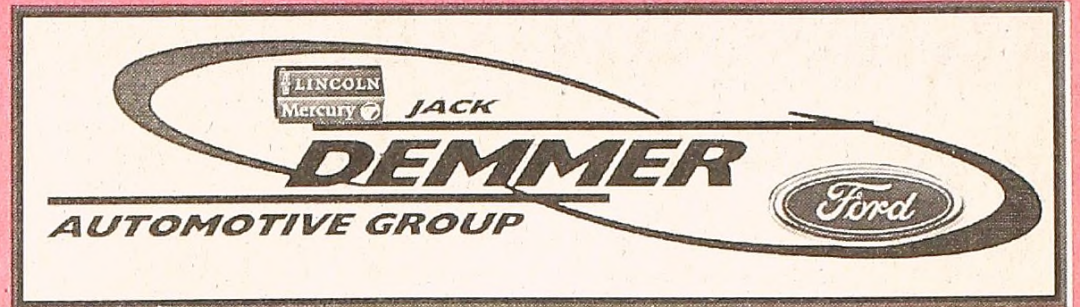


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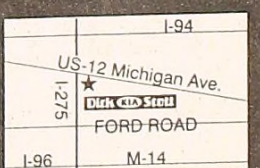
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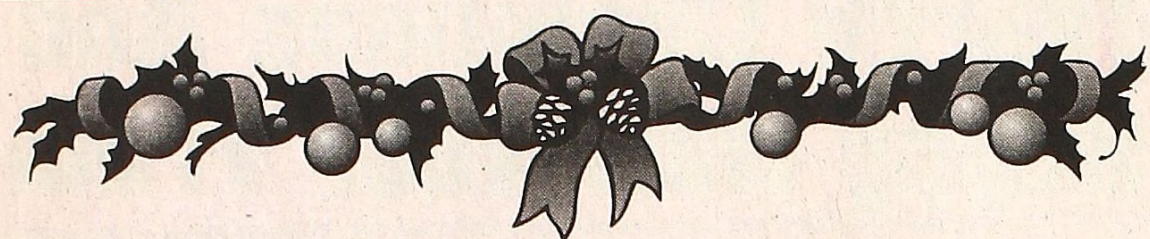
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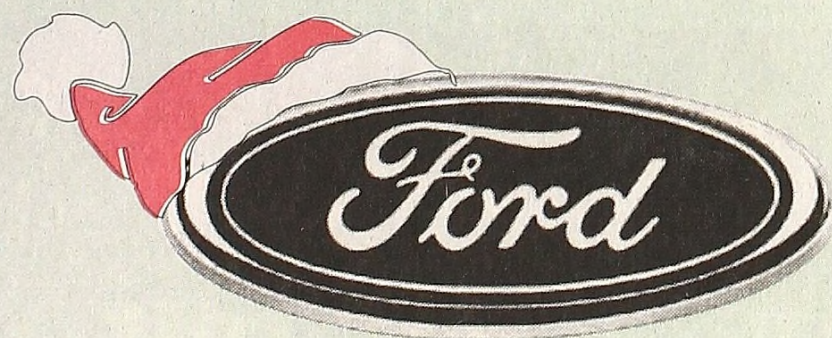
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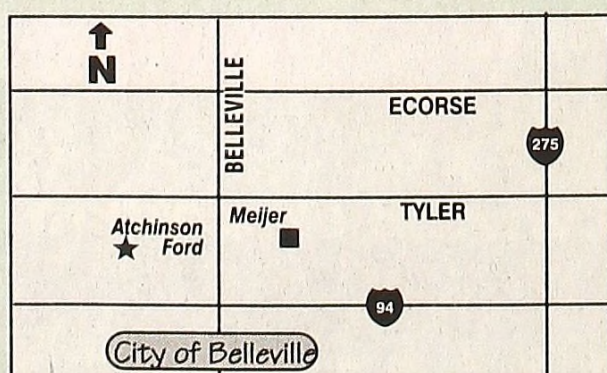
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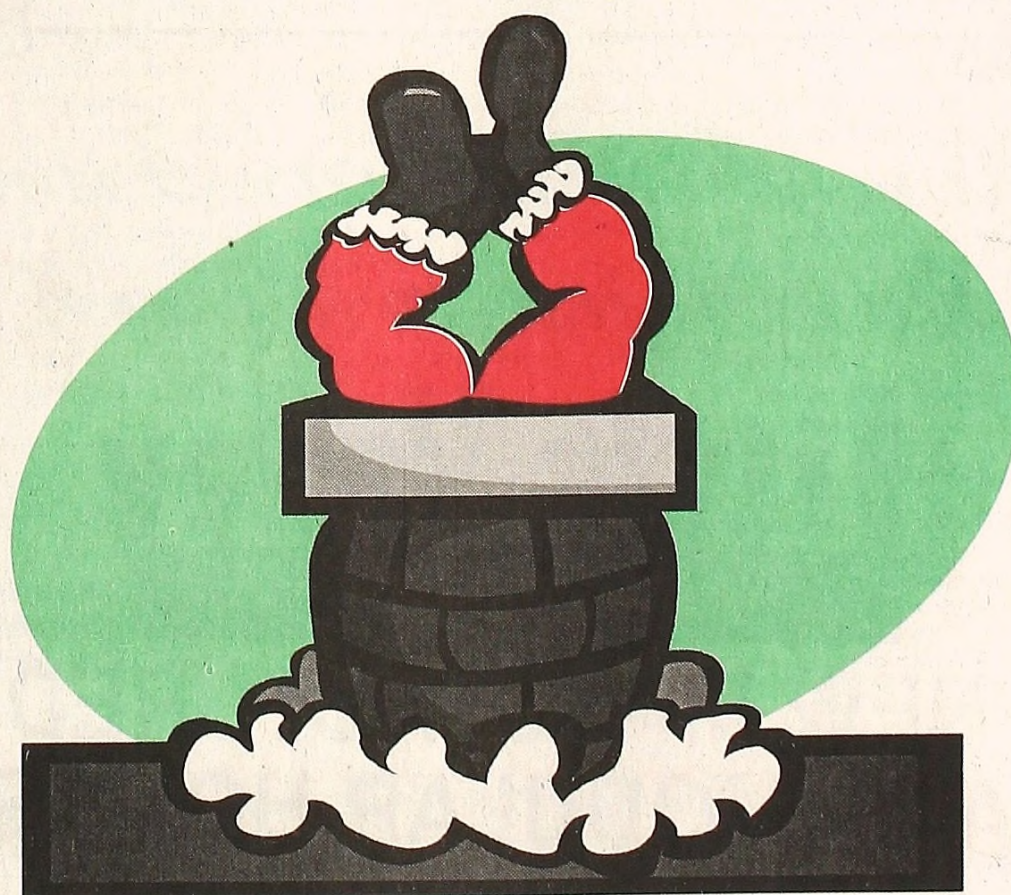
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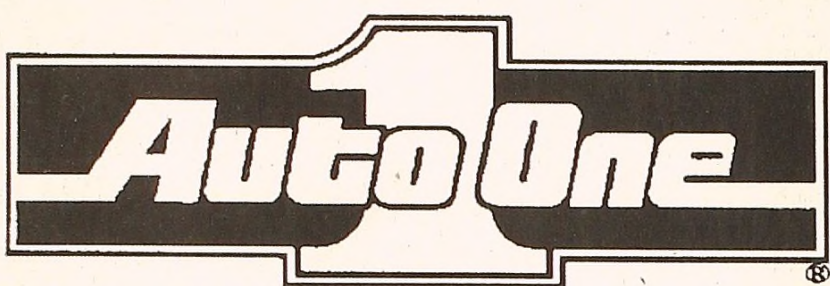
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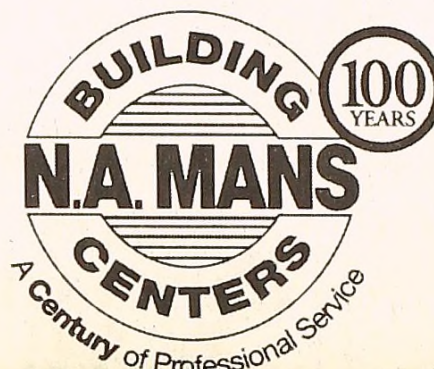
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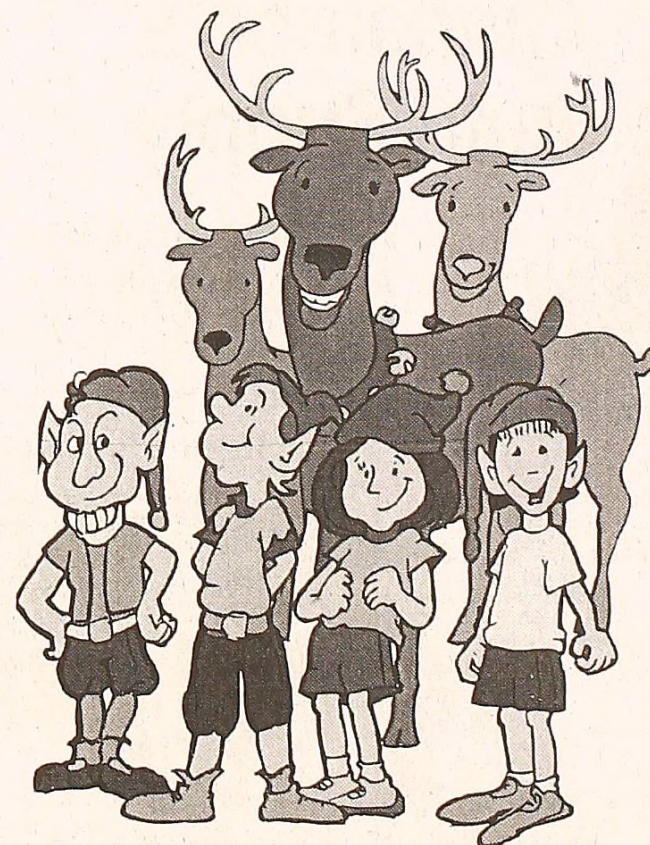
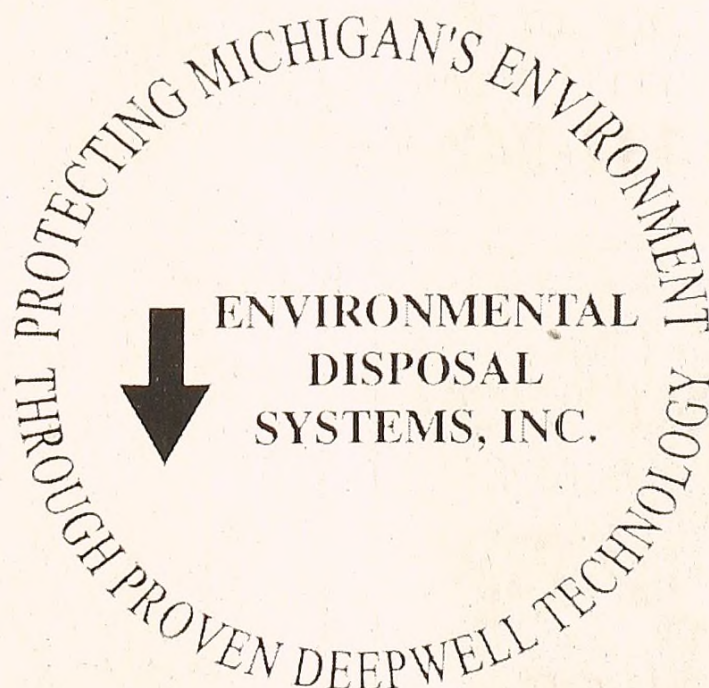


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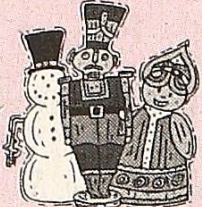


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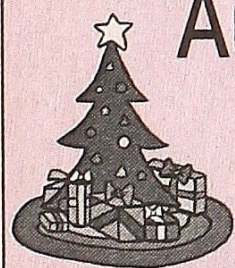
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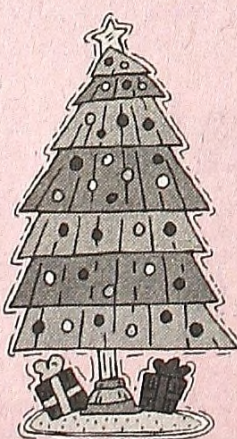
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## Belleville is off to fast 4-0 start

### New coach has Tigers running

Only Wayne Memorial stands in first-year coach Mike Krogel and the Belleville Tigers' way from ending the first part of the 2001-2002 high school basketball season with a perfect 5-0 record.

Krogel's Tigers have won four straight. Their recent was a hard-fought Mega Conference, Red Division triumph over neighboring rival, Ypsilanti. That victory sets them up for the "acid test" with Wayne, which has always been an elbow in the Tigers' sides battle.

Wayne stunned Westland John Glenn and has been improving

under second year coach Wayne Woodard, who inherited the team from a coaching icon, Chuck Henry, a year ago.

The winner of the Belleville-Wayne Memorial game could be looked upon as the team to beat in the Red Division this year. Belleville presently owns the Mega-Red crown.

And the crown appeared shaky on the champ's head Friday night as the Ypsilanti Braves had the defending champ on the rope but couldn't come through with the knockout punch.

In one of those classic duels to the end, Belleville emerged the winner over Ypsi, 51-36, as the Braves atypically went north in the final eight minutes and couldn't buy a bucket.

The champs came out shooting, and appeared to have the

Braves on the run after outscoring their hosts 15-3 in one stretch. Belleville protected a 10-point cushion for most of the first half, but Ypsi always stayed within range.

In fact, with less than seven minutes remaining, the Braves closed within five points (37-32), but that was the closest they got to eliminating their early deficit.

A Ypsilanti cold streak in the fourth quarter sounded the knell for the Mega-Red power.

Belleville collected 13 points from Mike Hall, which stood up as the game's high in this low-scoring encounter: Antoine Jordan, coming off of a successful football season which was capped with All-Area honors, chipped in with 12, and Jerriel Burrus, also an All-Area griddier, added 11.

### Rocks crushed by Tigers

Belleville lives and dies with its speed and its ability to shoot three-pointers, and last Tuesday Plymouth-Salem learned that fact the hard way.

Coach Bob Brodie's Rocks had the Tigers on the run for most of their out-of-conference game, but when Belleville James Holmes turned up the heat and opened up from three point-range, the Rocks melted and faded from the picture.

In a game that would tell first-year Belleville coach Mike Krogel what veteran Salem coach Bob Brodie what their teams

*Belleville posted its third consecutive victory by 15 points as they strolled off the hardwood with a 64-49 decision.*

frame that really made the difference in this game.

Holmes sparked the Belleville rally in that turnaround period when he sank a pair of three-pointers. When he finished for the evening, the Tiger sharpshooter walked off the floor with 23 points, and the game's individual scoring honors.

Dave Hoskins, who has set the early pace for the Rocks - he scored a career high 40 points in a losing effort against Monroe the week before - canned 13 points for Salem.

Brodie, 0-2 after the encounter of a different kind with Belleville, said that the difference in the game was that Belleville made the shots when it counted.

"And we just didn't."

### Vikings are no match for Flyers

Willow Run, one of the top teams in the area this year, erupted to a 20-point lead over an upset-minded Inkster High in a rare Saturday night, then was forced to hang on to win a 77-67 decision over the visiting Vikings.

Although Inkster remained in striking distance most of the first half and trailed by 10 at the intermission, 35-25, the Vikings couldn't match the Flyers balanced scoring attack which produced four Willow Run players in double figures.

Willow Run tuned up for the Vikings with an impressive four-point victory over downriver power River Rouge, a perennial title contender in the Mega-Red.

Inkster had its problems stopping Willow Run's Donnell Patterson and Sharon Brown who combined for nearly half of the Flyers' points. Patterson, a versatile player who can hurt the defense from just about anywhere, scored a game high 21 points, while Shannon Brown finished with 15.

Before turning to his bench, Flyer coach Isiah Gaddis had what he felt was a comfortable 20-point cushion, but he saw that lead quickly dissipate when the Vikings began to punch the air out of the bag. They came within



Romulus High's young and bold cross country team captured the 2001 Mega Conference, Gold Division championship with a team that included four sophomores. The four stand-outs will provide Coach Ryan Wilson (pictured above, second row, in center) with the building blocks for a possible future dynasty. The Eagles also placed four of its runners on the All-Mega Gold Team. The four honored as All-Mega Gold are senior Trumayne Anderson, and sophs Jeremiah Yeager, Richard Davis and Darnell Anderson. Pictured above are Richard Davis (from left), and Jeremiah Yeager. Also pictured above are Darnell Anderson (at left) and Adrian Simmons.

## Mega Gold CC roster includes 4 Romulus runners

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Not only did Coach Ryan Wilson and Romulus High's Eagles dominate the 2001 edition of the Mega-Conference, Gold Division Cross Country competition, but Wilson has in place a team that could establish a dynasty.

On this year's team were four impressive underclassmen who will be returning to Wilson's

lineup possibly for the next two years.

"I was very pleased with the efforts of this year's team that won the title," Coach Wilson said. "Also worthy of note is that there are at least four runners on this team that will be returning next year."

Picked by the division coaches for all-conference recognition from Romulus' roster are: Trumayne Anderson, a senior;

and three sophomores: Jeremiah Yeager, Richard Davis and Darnell Anderson.

Other key runners for the Eagles this season included Adrian Simmons, Cortney Daniels, Ron Buckley, and Darrin Nevels.

Others who contributed to the success of the 2001 program are: Paris Jackson, Ron Coleman and Tyrone Pickens.

See **MEGA-GOLD**, page A-10

## Adrian is easy pickings for explosive Glenn

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

With a new scoreboard, new bleachers and even a new score table in place, John Glenn looked like a "new team" Friday night when it entertained out of conference opponent, Adrian, for game No. 3 of the 2001-2002 season.

Coach Joel Lloyd's Rockets did not look like or play like the team that lost to cross-district rival, Wayne Memorial, the week before at Wayne. The Westlanders wasted no time with Adrian and led from start to finish in this one. Glenn, 10-2, and 16-7, jumped on their visitors early as they established the tempo of the game on both ends of the court.

Behind a balanced scoring assault triggered by the trio of Darnell Smith, Darnell Wilson and Anthony Harrell's scoring, the Rockets soared to a 21-12 lead after the first period and increased their advantage to 40-22 before the intermission, then went on to post their second victory, 72-47, in three starts.

Ten of the 11 Glenn players scored with Smith's 17 tops for the evening. Wilson chipped in with 15 points, followed by Anthony Harrell, who had 12.

Lloyd will have an opportunity to test his young team against two of the best in the area this week. The Rockets were scheduled to meet Ypsilanti on Tuesday. On Thursday, they run up against Willow Run in the Flyers' hangar.

The 2001 Flyers have the team to beat in the Mega Conference this year.

Because John Glenn has decided not to participate in the Detroit Superintendent's Classic this year, the Willow Run game will bring down the 2001 phase of the season for coach Lloyd's Rockets.

## Ex-chief stars at Alma

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

A former Plymouth-Canton basketball star is among the top scorers in the nation.

Janell Twietmeyer, who helped make Canton a power in the Western Lakes, is now playing the same role for Alma College. The

junior forward is among the NCAA Division III national leaders in at least two statistical categories.

In games through Dec. 10, Twietmeyer is seventh in three-point field goal percentage, at 51.22 percentage.

See **ALMA**, page A-10

## 2 former All-Area stars lead Grand Valley to nationals

Two former All-Area stars - Lucius Hawkins, an all-around athlete as a prep at Inkster High



Lucius Hawkins

School, and Reggie Spearmon, a record-setting running back at Westland John Glenn, helped Grand Valley State University post an impeccable 10-0 regular season and a 13-1 overall mark during the recently completed football campaign.

Hawkins and Spearmon also make their inaugural appearances in a national championship game, after the Lakers coasted to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship with a perfect 10-0 record.

The Lakers then went on to win three post-season playoff games to advance to the national title game.

In their first televised appearance, which made Grand Valley and GLIAC history, the 13-0 Lakers, clashed with the University of North Dakota for the NCAA Division II championship.

The two undefeated teams met in Florence, Alabama, and it was the Lakers who lost a heart-breaker, 17-14, as the Fighting Sioux rallied in the final minutes to seal the victory and the national championship.

The Lakers returned to Michigan and their homes with the second place trophy, and their pride intact.

The team is made up largely of juniors and sophomores and is looking forward to a return visit to the national limelight and a national championship.



### Gold medalist

The Westland Comets Freshman Cheerleading Team emerged with a perfect performance and the gold medal at the Western Suburban Junior Football League Cheerleading Rally staged at Lincoln High School in Ypsilanti. Members of the team include Kala Contway, Amanda Edwards, Kara Frost, Dana Henry, Brittany Hylton, Chelsea Kangas, Kayla Kilburn, Jennifer Michalek, Brittany Neal, Carly Price, Savanna Price, Olivia Senia, Kali Shemanski, Sarah Toth, Stacy Trushkowski and Maggie Wacker. More photos of the cheerleading competition Page 10.





The Westland Comets Varsity Cheerleading Squad, coached by Jeri Webster, came away with a Bronze Medal at the recently completed Western Suburban Junior Football League Cheerleading Rally. Members of the medal-winning team include Amber Batayeh, (pictured above), Kelly Borowiak, Amber Evans, Abigail Gordon, Krystal Hanley, Crystal Niedermeyer, Maria Patruno, Brittany Redden, Kathryn Riddle, Michele Shaw, Jessica Shippe, Amanda Smith, Molly Tracy and Amber Webster.

## Mega-Gold

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The team also participated and fared well at several week-end invitational, Wilson added.

The Mega Conference, Gold Division Championship is decided by points earned during a three-part series of meets. The first and second meets staged in the early and middle parts of the season each comprise 25 percent of the total score toward the championship; the final divisional meet makes up for the other half or 50 percent of the score.

Romulus managed to edge Dearborn Heights Annapolis by two points to win the overall title. Taylor Kennedy placed third in the overall standings.

## Early sports copy deadline

Due to the holidays, the Michigan Community Newspapers' Sports Staff is urging all basketball, swimming, wrestling and volleyball coaches to report the results of their games and matches early this

week.

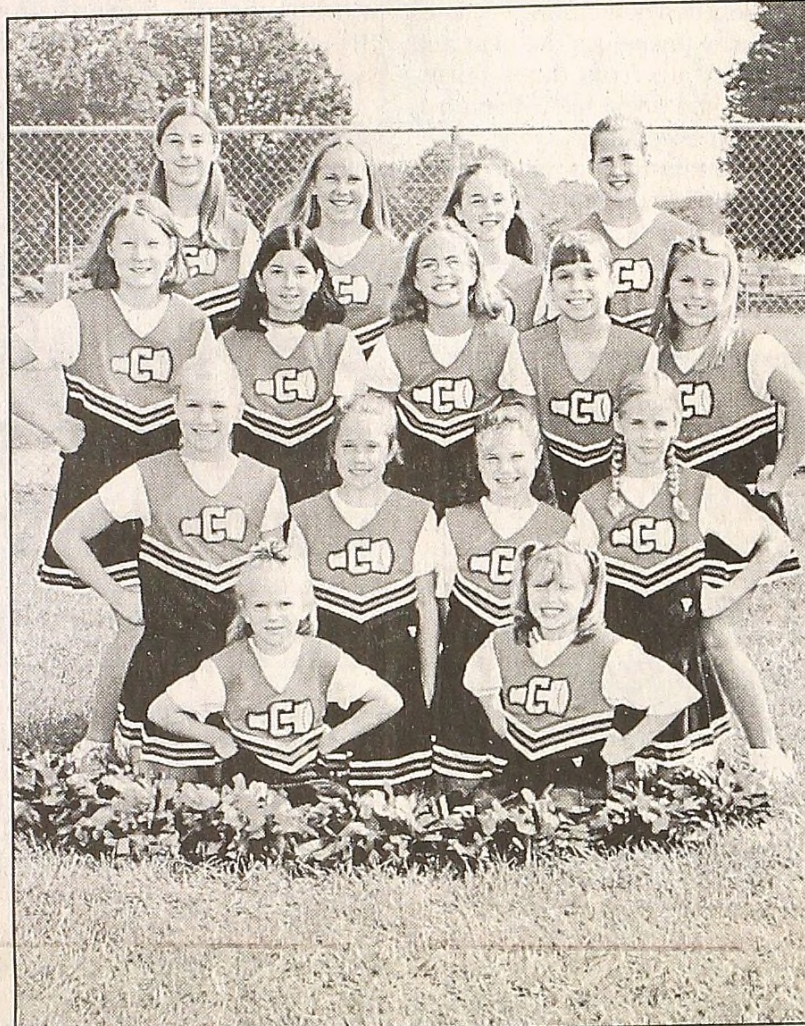
MCN staffers will be available to take results from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday.

Since there are no local basketball games scheduled for Friday night, staffers would ap-

preciate hearing from the coaches as early as possible on Friday.

Coaches who need to contact the MCN Sports Desk are invited to call 734-729-4000.

Or, coaches may also fax their team results to the Sports Desk. The Fax number is 734-729-6088.



The Westland Comets' Junior Varsity Cheerleading team, under the guidance of Coach Dawn Nieman, captured a silver medal during the recent Western Suburban Junior Football League Cheerleading Rally. Members of the silver-medal winning team are: Ashley Ballarin, Glanna Brooks, Olivia Brooks, Brittany Bryan, Veronica Chambers, Hope Cover, Cassie Dunford, Chelsie Eisiminger, Sherylyn Giacchina, Becky Hanley, Shelby Lyons, Dana Qattlander, Stephanie Shippe and Rachel Zajac.

# Canton is cast in the role of 'spoilers' in WLAA

With his first season back at Canton High School under his belt, Steve Anderson - Canton volleyball coach - is optimistic that the Chiefs will be a competitive team in the tough Western Lakes Conference.

In fact, Anderson views his Chiefs "as spoilers".

Anderson guided his team through his inaugural season to a respectable 24-14 record and a 7-4 WLAA record after the Chiefs had posted a dismal 6-24 overall mark for the 1999-2000 campaign.

What does the future hold for the Chiefs?

"For this year, we will try to be competitive in one of the more difficult volleyball leagues in the state," Anderson commented. "I see us playing the same role this year in the league as we did last year. We will be spoilers, the giant-killers if you will."

"If you underestimate us, you will have a problem on your hands."

Canton assumed the role when the Chiefs stunned then powerhouse Walled Lake Central one week after they had defeated perennial league powerhouse, arch-rival, Salem last year.

"On paper we may not be the

strongest team in the league but don't be surprised if we cause some real problems for the front-runners."

The Chiefs lost six seniors to graduation. They include WLAA All-Division players Mary Kryska and Ashley Williams, as well as Christina Kiessel, Mary Kiessel, Megan Meirer and Jennifer Wagner.

The varsity team brings back some great athletic talent as well as some exciting prospects for the future of the program.

On varsity are four seniors, four juniors and four sophomores.

The senior group include Courtney Jarman, Stephanie Johnson, Michelle Ly and transfer student from Texas, Jenny Crudele.

The seniors will carry a huge load for the Chiefs, according to Anderson.

"The seniors will have the greatest challenge this year. They will have the role of providing leadership to a very young team."

The junior class include Cindy Rotramel, Kristen Lake, Colleen O'Brien and Jessica Templeton, while in the sophomore ranks are Kara Jones, Kristen Lillie, Elizabeth Alexander and Kelly Baker.

"The future of Canton volleyball is in very capable hands," Anderson assures his listeners. "With over half of the current team having at least one more additional year to play and four having at least three seasons ahead of them, I feel very confident about the future of the program here."

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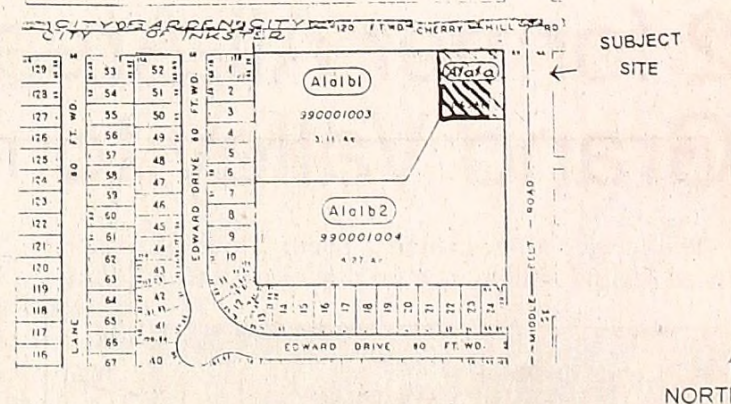
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE CITY OF INKSTER'S ZONING AND HOUSING APPEALS BOARD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2002 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE BOOKER T. DOZIER RECREATION COMPLEX, 2025 MIDDLEBELT ROAD TO CONSIDER A VARIANCE TO SECTION 155.048(G) OF THE CITY OF INKSTER ZONING CODE (AS WAS EFFECTIVE PRIOR TO DECEMBER 3, 2001), WHICH REQUIRES AN INTERIOR SIDE YARD EQUAL IN DEPTH TO THE HEIGHT OF THE BUILDING TO BE PROVIDED WHERE AN INTERIOR SIDE LOT LINE ABUTS A DISTRICT ZONED FOR RESIDENTIAL USE. THE APPLICANT, THE OIL EXCHANGE, HAS PROPOSED TO CONSTRUCT AN ADDITION TO ITS CAR WASH HAVING A HEIGHT OF 23 FEET THAT WOULD ABUT AN INTERIOR LOT LINE OF 20 FEET FROM A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO APPEAL, IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF CHERRY HILL AND MIDDLEBELT ROADS AND IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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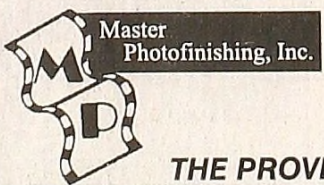
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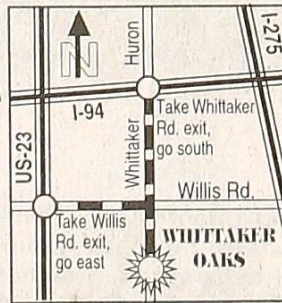
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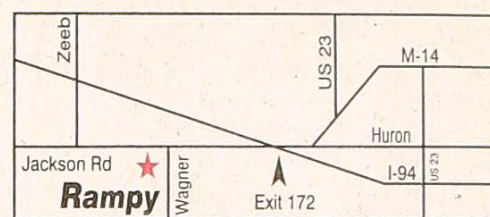




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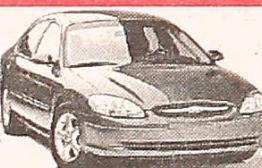
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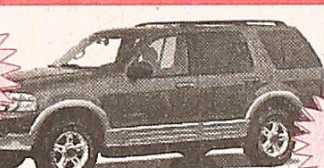
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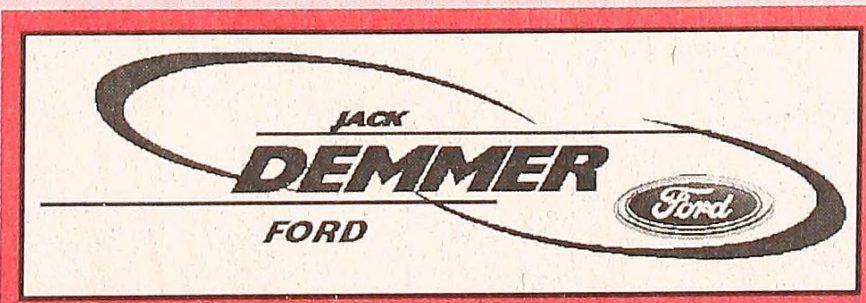
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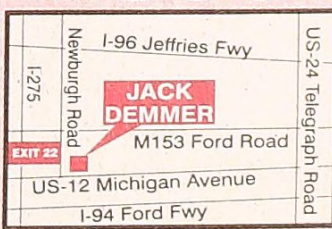
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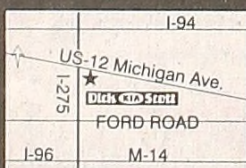
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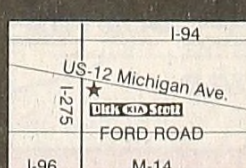
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MCN NEWS EXTRA

# The life and times of Edward Bivens, Jr.

## A city pays tribute to former mayor of Inkster

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Like Lazarus, Edward Bivens' life was extended by the good Lord.

A year ago, after Bivens had suffered a massive stroke, according to the former Inkster mayor's wife, January Belmont Bivens, some newspapers had announced the mayor's death. It definitely was a premature announcement.

"Ed seems to have nine lives," Mrs. Bivens told a large crowd which has come to the Roma Hall in Garden City to pay tribute to the former mayor of Inkster. "We may have had some rough minutes, and he may have cut some of those nine lives, but thank God, Ed is with us."

Bivens responded with his usual quips and humor during the program. But he broke down in tears when he thanked the citizens "for allowing me to serve them."

"You have made my life. And I want to thank you - all of you - for a wonderful life," Bivens said. "I was at death's door, and re-

turned. I am blessed to be with you here today."

The former mayor related on that near life-ending day, April 1, 2001, how he was about to receive communion from his pastor, the Rev. Deanna Petit-Sailor, of Christ United Methodist Church, when a cold sweat came upon him.

"I was the next to receive the bread and wine when it all went dark and I fell - that was the last thing I remembered," Bivens said.

Rushed to the hospital, doctors determined that the former mayor had suffered a stroke. Reports had it that "the mayor had died."

"I had to learn how to walk and talk all over again," Bivens said. "I know there are some people out there that I know but can't remember; but I love all of you. That He did spare me, I am thankful. My life is different - it isn't perfect but to have a wife and children and friends stay at my side and to be able to see my wife and kids I am truly grateful and blessed."

"Thank you again for allowing

me to serve you."

Bivens also noted that "his mission on earth is obviously not over."

"My mission will be to help the youth of our community and to show them that one can succeed through hard work and dedication."

During the four-hour tribute, Bivens was honored by state, county and city officials as well as local organizations and church groups.

Carmen R. Mitchell, who served as the Mistress of Ceremony, and a city employee, and one of a small cadre of individuals who helped organize the tribute, noted that the mayor was the first African American to be elected to the office of mayor in the City of Inkster in the 1970's and staged a successful political comeback in 1990 when he was elected to consecutive terms.

The mayor also heard from his daughter, Patricia Edwards, who was not able to attend the tribute. Speaking by phone from Pennsylvania, Ms. Edwards said that "words can't express my love for my father and for what you peo-

ple are doing for him."

"I am suffering from terminal cancer, and that is why I can't attend, but I want to thank you for everything you are doing for him."

The Rev. George V. Williams praised Mayor Bivens as "a mayor of the youth of our city."

"He is the first mayor who spent time with our young folks," Williams said.

The speakers - some 20 in all - pointed to Bivens long and industrious career as a public servant: All noted that "Ed was the first Black assigned to the Presidential Honor Guard, at Fort Lesley J. McNair, in Washington, D.C.; and the first Black assigned as NCOIC of a General Staff Section at the Engineer Center. He also served as president of the NAACP Inkster Branch and also on the Inkster Board of Education."

"Ed, you have been a good leader and an inspiration to all of us," Mitchell pointed out. "We hope that this celebration in your honor will speak loudly to you and the public as to how we appreciate you. You have been

an inspiration to many."

Those words were echoed by Kay Beard, the Wayne County Commission's Co-Chair who presented Bivens with a Commendation from the Wayne County Commission. There were also presentations from Governor John Engler; Congresswoman Lynn Rivers, State Representative Jim Plakas, and State Senator George Hart.

Others who presented the former mayor with commendations included Mayor ProTem of Inkster City Council, Wanda Harris-Foster, who substituted for Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Jr. Mayor Hampton was attending the National Conference of Black Mayors and could not attend the tribute.

Other groups who honored the former mayor were: Inkster Christians In Action, the Rev. George V. Williams; the NAACP Western Wayne County Branch; Clarence Oden, Jr., representing the L.B.P.O. Elks; Inkster Community Churches, the Elder Isaac King, Jr.; the Inkster Board of Education and the Conference of Mayors.



Edward Bivens, Jr.

Wayne County Commissioner Robert Blackwell, a close friend of Bivens, praised the former Inkster mayor as a trailblazer and a true leader.

But it was Mrs. Bivens who reminded the gathering: "That you don't see someone die, then come back to life."

"I want to say to all of you out there that you need a good partner in life. I have one. And I want to thank the Lord for extending his life."



### "Merry Christmas"

Santa's in town and that can only mean that Christmas and the Holiday Seasons are upon us. Let us at the Michigan Community Newspapers be among the first to "Wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." Also let us remind you that the City Hall and the 22nd District Court in Inkster will not only be closed on Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25, but the facilities also will be closed on Monday, Christmas Eve. If you have any business to transact with the court of municipal offices you better do it on or before Friday or wait until after the holidays.

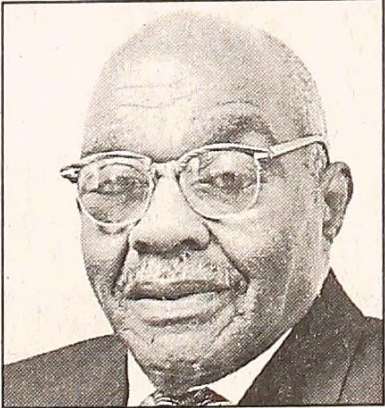
Photo by Reggie Bradley.

## Flora Dozier Scholarship committee seeks candidates

If you're a high school senior and want to continue your education on the university or college level, you may want to contact the Flora Dozier Memorial Scholarship Committee.

Committee members announced this week that they are seeking eligible candidates from local and area high school seniors for their 13th annual scholarships. All seniors who boast a 2.5 or better grade point average and are seniors in the Inkster, Wayne-Westland, Westwood, Taylor school districts will be considered.

The scholarships perpetuate the life and work of Flora Dozier, who loved children and her community, stressed Booker T. Dozier, Flora's husband. "Over the years these scholarships have helped many children go on and get a college education. Some of these kids would not have been able (to attend college) if it were not for the schol-



Booker Dozier

arships."

Applicants must enter an accredited college or university or a certified school of art, music or drama. They may also consider enrolling in an accredited junior college, certified vocational, or technical school in the fall of 2002.

Prospective candidates also must provide the scholarship committee with the following:

- \* An official transcript verify-

ing a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better for seven semesters;

- \* A letter of recommendation from each of the following: A teacher; Counselor; Minister, employer or community person.

Finally, the candidate must also write an original essay, between 200 to 400 words on: "Why I want to continue my education beyond high school."

The deadline to submit all the necessary documentation is March 30, 2002. Applications must be submitted in four copies of all material requested. Also, all applicants who meet all requirements will be invited to meet with the scholarship panel for an interview.

Application forms and additional information may be obtained from Booker T. Dozier, Flora Dozier Memorial Fund, Inc., 4191 Allen Street, Inkster, Mich. 48141.

Mr. Dozier may be reached by telephone at 313-562-6174.

## Firefighters hold Blood Drive

The never-ending need for blood was driven home Monday night at the last session of City Council for the year 2001 as City Manager Robert Gordon reminded residents that the Inkster firefighters are hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive next week.

"There is always a need for

blood," stressed Gordon. "And we would like all of those who can (donate blood) to do so."

Red Cross officials will be on hand at 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Dec. 28 at the Inkster Fire Station, to collect the life-saving fluid.

The Inkster Fire Station is located at 27717 Michigan Av-

enue, about a block west of Inkster Road, on the southside of the road.

For further information, readers are requested to contact Fire Chaplain Juan Bradford. Bradford is also an Inkster firefighter.

Bradford may be reached by telephone at 313-563-9876.

## Absenteeism in DPW evokes reader's response

The recent column on the rampant absenteeism in the Inkster Department of Public Services prompted a response from one of the city's employees who asked that their name not be used.

Here is the response.

Dear Mr. Mooradian:

The recent article in the Inkster Ledger Star was very disturbing. The statement "On any given day" ten workers are absent "is a gross exaggeration/misrepresentation of facts. Documentation should be presented with accusations."

Ten people calling in one day is extreme and is NOT the case at DPS. How are these figures derived.

Is it a combination of people on personal/vacation/bereavement leave with people off due to disciplinary action and/or individuals off sick or on disability.

Is anyone asking these questions?

Of the 30 reported DPS workers: One Director, three Superintendents, one Secretary, one recently retiree, one part-time worker, three garage workers, and two employees on OJI, under 20 are in the field of which four are engaged in meter reading/service repair, which leaves

a small force to do street cleaning, maintenance and repair, water related repairs and tree and park maintenance, etc.

The problem lies where there is no orchestration of manpower and equipment deployment. You can't take an already understaffed department and disregard normal routine and initiate special projects that aren't a priority and not expect something to go lacking.

Where is the priority?

Paving of the John Daly Bridge, and resurfacing the DPS compound lot were in essence a misdirection of manpower and funds that could have been applied to community repairs (streets and catch basins).

There are many issues that need to be addressed by administration that would enhance the effective utilization of the resources we have available, but they seem to be ignored to our detriment.

No one at DPS reports to work not to work.

All are trying to do what they can and are asked to do in an effort to maintain a steadily growing community. Other departments receive additional permanent manpower, but NOT DPS.

To date, we still have two unfilled positions. Just ten years ago, we had over 40 workers, and prior to that the number was even greater. Proper planning and implementation of what we have is crucial.

Employees here need direction, not reprimands.

We also need information, training and motivation, not intimidation and dehumanization. Most employees here have been through the periods where we had to go the extra mile in our services, working the aftermath of storms or extreme weather conditions.

We have shown in the past that we do care. Our jobs are our lives, but here recently, the amount of disciplinary actions and grievances filed are at an all-time high.

The tyranny we currently work under depletes moral, and diminishes the work force. Something is seriously faltering in this area.

What is needed here is an open forum with labor and administration to resolve the issues that seem to hinder this department.

Yes, there is a problem, but it is not beyond repair. A concerned effort is needed by all in order to move forward.

## 'First to Respond' recipients announced

By Theloa Jones  
MCN Special Writer

Two elegant ladies are the recipients of the "First to Respond" awards.

Marian Allen and Pauline Hampton were named the recipients of "First To Respond" prizes offered by the Senior Citizen's Circle of Smith Chapel A. M. E. Church.

The awards were announced at the 20th anniversary Party held at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

Both ladies responded within 24-hours of receiving their invitations to the celebration.

In addition both ladies are ardent, long-time supporters of the organization that focuses on causes involving the elderly in their church as well as in the Western Wayne County area.

Over 200 people attended the



Marian Allen, at left, and Pauline Hapton receive honors.

event and were treated to entertainment provided by the Allen brothers, Carol Maxwell, and the New Faith Community Choir.

A delicious meal was served and every guest received a use-

ful, pretty tote bag, given in "Living Memory" of deceased charter member Ethyl Dennard.

Phelmon Saunders was the very capable Master of Ceremony.



## OBITUARIES

**ANDERSON, FRANK MELVIN**, 79, of Plymouth, passed away November 29. Loving husband of Gloria Anderson. Dearest step-father of John Beasinger, Karen Davis, Dawn Justice, and Robert (Kathy) Hazel. Loved step-grandfather of eleven and step-great-grandfather of ten. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Stephen Long officiating. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

**BARNETT, FRED O.**, 65, of Romulus, passed away December 2. Loving husband of Marie (Sobolewski) Barnett. Dear father of Tracey (Tara) Barnett of Howell; Mike (Tammy) Daugherty of Portland, TN; Don (Wanda) Akans of Romulus; Peggy Beaumann of Alexandria, MN; Bradley (Becky) Barnett of Alexandria, MN; and Ricky Remelius of Romulus. Dear son of the late Austin Dillard and Nettie Ray (Downing) Barnett. Beloved brother of Gerald (Liz) Barnett of KY; Louise Brown of KY; Lela (Doug) McDonough of Clinton, MI; Joyce (Dick) Rathbun of AZ; JoAnne (Loya) Travis of KY; and Ted Barnett of Adrian, MI. Also survived by twenty-six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his daughter Vicki Remelius and sisters Lameta Combs and Lucille Strong. He was retired from the General Motors Hydramatic Plant in Ypsilanti. He was also a member of the Romulus Community United Methodist Church, the Belleville Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge, and he attended the VFW in Romulus. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Rev. William Kren officiating. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

**BAYUSH, MICHAEL JOSEPH**, 79, of Livonia, passed away December 2. Dearest husband of the late Ethel Christine Bayush. Loving father of Earl (Susan) Bayush. Beloved brother of Dorothy Uhilary, Bettie O'Saven, Helen O'Sanko, Anna Horros, and Paul Bayush. Dearest grandfather of Jill Bayush, Lindsay Bayush, Jason Bayush, and Daniel Bayush. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Schultz officiating. Interment followed at Overton County Memorial Gardens, Livingston, TN. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the Alzheimer's Association, Ann Arbor.

**BOYD, DAVID JAMES**, 60, of Southgate, passed away December 8. Beloved husband of Jacquelin. Dearest father of Brian (Kelli), Barry (Laura), Brad, Bruce, and Bonnie (Jim). Dear grandfather of Candace, Chris, Dylan, Tiffany, Brooke, and Anna. Loving brother of Ken, Frank, and Patty. Funeral services were held at Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, Taylor Chapel. Interment followed at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Brownstown Twp.

**DeCOSTER, EARL**, 74, of Romulus, passed away November 28. Loving father of Denise DeCoster, Karol J. Gilbeam, Sharon Brasil, and Joanne Cagle. Dear brother of Elmer DeCoster, Jack DeCoster, Bernie DeCoster, Bev, and Shirley. Also survived by fourteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Crane Funeral Home with Gary Villeneuve (of the Community Church of Christ in Riverview) officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

**DONALDSON, CALLIE**, 87, of Inkster (born in Atlanta, GA to William and Ossie Moore), passed away October 25. She leaves to mourn

her passing her brother Rylus; her sisters Alice, Ida, and Nancy; family and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with the services held at Greater First Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. W. W. Goode officiating. Interment followed at UMG.

**HARDY, JOE**, 71, of West Bloomfield (born in Montgomery, AL to Hugh and Beatrice Hardy), passed away November 3. He taught and coached in the Detroit Public School System. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Jean; his daughter Karen; his Step-father Millard Pierce; son-in-law Rodney; family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Willie W. Davis officiating. Interment at UMG.

**HOOPER II, LEO CALVIN**, 44, of Westland, passed away November 15. Loving son of Estella (Peggy) Hooper and the late Leo Calvin Hooper. Beloved brother of Patty (Stan) Phillips, Kenneth (Linda) Hooper, Donald (Melissa) Hooper, and James (Laurie) Hooper. Loving companion of Nancy Perrault and big daddy to Zackie. Also survived by six nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Stan Phillips. Interment followed at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

**HUMMEL, NANCY A.**, 65, of Belleville, passed away November 29. Beloved wife of Ronald Hummel. Loving mother of Debra (Michael) Terry of Earlington, KY; Joyce (Donald) Ptasinski of Taylor; Loretta "Cathy" (Cletis "Rick") Nichols of Taylor; Edward (Peggy) Garber of Peru, IN; Teresa (Robert) Druyer, Jr. of Romulus; Shirley (Kenneth) Dushane, Jr. of Belleville; and Samuel (Lysa) Hummel of Valley Center, CA. Dear daughter of the late Samuel and Agnes (Marin) Tolley. Dearest sister Samuel (Betty) Tolley of Mexico, IN; Florence Tolley of Dalton, GA; Rosie (Ernest) Melvis of Peru, IN; Nina (Carl) Wold of Peru, IN; Philip (Bev) Tolley of Mess, AZ; Judy (Dennis) Stogsdill of Peru, IN; and Mary Sarver of Peru, IN. Also survived by sixteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren (with twins on the way). Preceded in death by her parents and older brother James Tolley. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Whitaker, MI. She was also a member of the Taylor Democratic Club. She helped at the Taylor Senior Center and taught ceramics there as well as owned her own shop. A funeral mass was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Nicholas Ritter as Celebrant. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the St. Mary's Hospital Cancer Center. Funeral arrangements were made by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

**HUNTER, ANNIE MAE**, 54, of Inkster (born in Lambert, MS to Prince and Helen Bobanon), passed away October 18. She leaves her legacy to her husband of 30 years Gerald; sons Gerald Jr., and Anthony; five grandchildren; two god children; family and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Pentecostal Temple with Elder Isaac King officiating.

**KELLY, WILLIE**, 55, of Taylor (born in Detroit to Willie and Beatrice Kelly), passed away November 7. He leaves to mourn his passing Branda Ponder, Denise Patton; his sons Willie Jr., and Dwayne; cousins Joshua; family and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Saint City

COGIC with Supt. James L. Whitehead officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park.

**MARTIN, BEVERLY**, 46, of Detroit (born in Detroit to Joseph and Corine Reese), passed away October 24. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband Ernest; children Keijana, Alexis, Patrice, Jovelda, Shannon, and Jordale; three grandchildren; family & friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Grace Temple Cogic with Elder Franklin Garrison officiating. Interment followed at Knollwood Memorial Cemetery.

**McFADDEN, ANNIE**, 56, of Taylor (born in Marrango, AL to Otis and Fannie Hayward), passed away November 1. She leaves to cherish her memory her children Mary, Linda, James, and Peter; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; family and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Greater Grace Temple with Elder Gary Harper officiating. Interment followed at Westlawn Cemetery West.

**McLAIN, IVAN D. "PETE"**, 83, of Brooklyn, MI (formerly of Romulus and Belleville), passed away November 27. Beloved husband of Georgia M. (Wolfer) McLain. Dear father of Debra Neuwirth of Belleville, Terry (Jan) McLain of Belleville, Michael McLain of Glendale, AZ and George (Laurie) McLain of Brooklyn, MI. Dearest son of the late William and Lillie (Derby) McLain. Loved brother of Carol Bates of Apache Junction, AZ and Ila Buser of Graybill, IN. Also survived by sixteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents and his sisters Reba Bratton, Hazel Swart and Wilma Lewis. He was a retired sheet metal worker from Local 80 in Southfield. He

was also a member of Community United Methodist Church of Romulus. He was a member of the Belleville Oddfellows and served as a Cub Scout Leader. He was a past President of the Sumpter Seniors. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Rev. William Kren, Pastor of the Romulus Community Methodist Church, officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

**PERRY, ANNIE**, 91, of Inkster (born in Kellyville, MS to Jesse and Ada Patillo), passed away October 22. She was a Sunday School Teacher, Choir Director, Soloist, Kitchen worker and many other duties around the Church. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband of over 20 years Wilber; daughter Joann; four god children; family and friends. Funeral arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Bethlehem Temple, with Bishop Allen McRea officiating. Interment followed at Knollwood Memorial Park.

**ROOTS JR., ISAIAH**, 60, of Inkster (born in Yazoo City, MS to Isaiah and Mariah Roots) passed away October 18. He leaves to celebrate his home going his wife of 40 years Shirley; daughters Valerie, Deborah, and Kimberly; sons Kenneth and Rolando; eleven grandchildren; family and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Christ Temple Church with Elder Luther Jenkins officiating.

**SAUNDERS, GREGORY**, 49, of Inkster (born in River Rouge, MI to Clarence and Lilly R. Saunders), passed away October 20. He leaves to mourn his passing daughters Shawn, Kenja, and Zekeela; his three siblings; his mother Lily; five grandchildren; family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with

Elder Ron Springer officiating. Interment followed at Knollwood Cemetery.

**TURNER, DONNELL**, 47, of Taylor (born in Detroit, MI to Samuel and Lorraine Turner), passed away October 25. He served in the U.S. Army and worked for General Motors until his health failed. He leaves to cherish his memories his wife Cheryl; children Chinelle, Albert, and Damell; three grandchildren; family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Marvin Miller officiating. Interment followed at Grandlawn Cemetery.

**WALKER, ANN**, 60, of Belleville, passed away November 24. Loving mother of Cheryl A. (Richard) Leach of Ypsilanti, Shirley A. (Richard) Smith of New Boston, Georgia A. (Jeff) Hamilton of Melvindale and Franklin G. (Marsha) Ray of Belleville. Dear daughter of George W. and the late Pearl L. (Davis) Steger. Loving wife, in heart, Bill Lemon of Belleville. Also survived by six grandchildren. Preceded in death by her daughters Tamara Ray and Margi Ann Louise Rendon; her mother; and her brothers William Steger and Fredrick "Fritz" Steger. She loved the summer-time. She loved boating on the lake, picnicing, and family get togethers. Funeral services were held November 26 at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor David K. Bonde officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded, interment of cremains Hillside Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were made by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

**WENDLAND, RAYMOND H.**, 85, of Romulus, passed away November 29. Dear father of Gerald (Irene) Wendland of Romulus. Dear son of the late Ernest August and Ida Charlotte (Keller) Wendland. Also survived by three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Preced-

ed in death by his wife Helen, two brothers Jarvis and Ernest W. Wendland, and two sisters Vera Pnce and Gertrude C. Durand. He was a member of the Romulus Community United Methodist Church, the Romulus Rotary Club, Romulus Boy Scouts R-2, and was a charter member of the Romulus Jaycees. He was a former member of the Wayne Moose Lodge. He also helped organize the Romulus Fire Department and was the owner and founder of the Ray-Mac Electric Company. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Rev. William Kren officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the donor's choice.

**WIEGAND, DOROTHY V.**, 74, of Belleville, passed away November 8. Beloved mother of Richard (Yon Hyon) Wiegand of Laurel, Maryland and Victoria Harris of Belleville. Dear daughter of the late Dewey Homer and Irene (Dixon) Everett. Loving sister of Shirley Nemeth of Westland and also five other sisters living outside of Michigan. Dearest grandmother of Gregory Harris and Janelle Wiegand; great-grandmother of Aaron Wiegand. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Priest Steven Tessmer officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the Disabled Veterans.

**WITHERSPOON, GERTRUDE ELSIE**, 89, of Wayne, passed away November 19. Dearest wife of the late Iee Witherspoon. Loving mother of Patsy (Melvin) Evans, Donald Witherspoon, and Jerome Witherspoon. Also survived by twelve grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Bob McDonald officiating. Interment followed at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

## LOCAL BIRTHS AND ENGAGEMENTS

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Katie Ellen Kaiser of Kalamazoo and Tom Andrew Easley of Kalamazoo, will be wed July 13, 2002.



Katie graduated in 1996 from Grand Blanc High School and in December 1999 graduated from Western Michigan University. She is employed by Comstock High School where she teaches high school Spanish and English.

Tom graduated in 1996 from Wayne Memorial High School and in April 2001 he graduated from Western Michigan University. He is a substitute teacher in the Kalamazoo area.

Parents of the Bride: Mr. and Mrs. Bradly Kaiser of Grand Blanc.

Parents of the Groom: Mr. and Mrs. Larry Easley of Wayne.

*Birth Announcement*

**Seth Ryan West**

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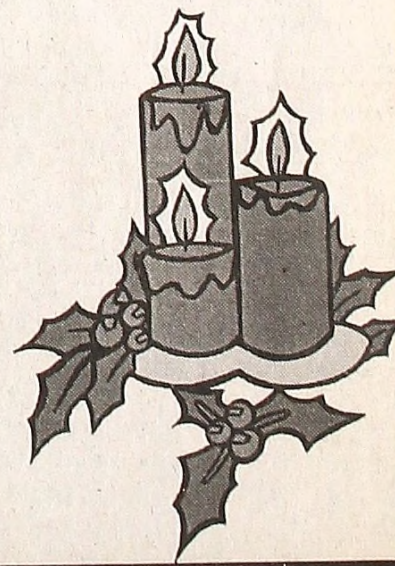
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SARAH BARONE  
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RACHEL BAYER  
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KURTIS KWOLEK  
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KELLEE LABEAN  
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CHRISTOPHER LARSON  
ALYSSA LASLEY  
JEAN LAX  
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RYAN BIES  
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EDWARD HARVEY

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ERIN HANMER  
CORY HARDEN  
BECKY HARDING  
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DARRIN HARPER  
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NIKOLAUS HORTON  
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JUSTIN KOSHOREK  
JEFFREY KREITNER  
JACOB KROUS  
TIMOTHY KROUS  
LINDSAY LABEAN  
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## ROMULUS NEWS



### Bringing down the house

Leading off the new Metro Airport runway dedication last week were two Romulus Elementary students, Tiara Moten (left) and Carmen Collie who received a standing ovation from the large crowd of dignitaries for their rendition of "God Bless America". Romulus Elementary Principal Lynne Mossoian stands with the two performers while their coach and accompanist Ellen Bragg sits.



### Cory performers get ready

Cory Elementary vocal students prepare for their Christmas vocal concert held last week. First row left to right are Ashley Bennett, Gabrielle Miller, Kayla Bryk, Nakeya Pinkston, Taque Courtland and Steven Pratt. Second row, Azia Rielly, Angela Baker, Clara Windom, Jaravea Jackson and Troy Gray.

## More phone choices save consumers money

As Michiganians sort through competing offers from local telephone service providers, one thing is clear: consumers are reaping the rewards of having more choices.

In fact, in October, the United States Telecom Association named Michigan a "competition friendly state," heralding the state telecom industry's successful transition to local competition. Already, new competitors operate more than one million local phone lines in Michigan.



Diane Webb

While our state benefits from huge gains in local competition, Michiganians still don't receive the best long-distance prices and service around — something that can only come through full telecommunications competition.

According to Consumer Action, AT&T and MCI WorldCom increased their basic rates by as much as 13 percent last year.

In states like Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Kansas, New York and Texas — where full telecommunications competition is underway — consumers are saving millions on local and long-distance calls. New Yorkers alone are saving an estimated \$700 million this year — up to \$324 off some families' phone bills.

Michigan consumers are closer to realizing those same benefits. SBC Ameritech is working diligently with the Michigan Public Service Commission to ensure our state's local market is open to competition. SBC must show federal regulators that the local market is open before being approved to offer long-distance.

When SBC is approved to offer long-distance service in Michigan, competition will increase, consumers will have more choices, better prices, and innovative services and offerings. It's that simple. Now is the time to open our long-distance market to full competition.

*Diane L. Webb*

Diane Webb  
Director  
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